



## Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Information and Application Packet

**Fish farms or aquaculture facilities are not eligible** for a state-issued Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit. Aquaculture facilities may apply for a federal depredation permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Migratory Bird Office at 505-248-7882.

If a person is authorized by the United States Department of Interior or the United State Department of Agriculture to kill migratory birds, no state permit is required.

Except as allowed under Parks and Wildlife Code, §43.154(d), and §43.021-§43.030, no person may attempt to take Double-crested Cormorants unless that person possesses a valid Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit issued by the department and a valid Texas Hunting License.

A Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit is issued for only one tract of land. A separate permit is needed for each property owned by the same landowner if the land is non-contiguous.

The following are the only approved methods for the take of Double-crested Cormorants under a state Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit: firearms (shotguns must utilize non-toxic shot only), cervical dislocation and CO<sub>2</sub> asphyxiation.

Persons operating under the authority of a Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit must maintain a daily activity log a PWD 0977 form supplied by the department.

The permit holder must complete and submit to the department, a PWD 978 form supplied by the department, an annual report. The report is due no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

A Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit does not authorize the take of any species other than Double-crested Cormorants. Persons acting under the authority of the permit must immediately report the incidental take of a migratory bird species other than double-crested cormorants to the appropriate U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Migratory Bird Permit Office. Please be aware that two look-alike species can co-occur with Double-crested Cormorants in Texas, the Anhinga and the Neotropic Cormorant. Please be able to distinguish between these species. A permit issued pursuant to an application only allows for the take of Double-crested cormorants.

All records required by this permit shall be retained and kept available for inspection upon request of a department employee acting within the official scope of duty. Records required by this permit must be kept for a period of two years following the period of validity of the permit.

The department shall not issue additional permits to any person who has not complied with applicable regulations, permit stipulations or reporting requirements.

The department reserves the right to refuse permit issuance to any person finally convicted of any violation of Parks and Wildlife Code during the five-year period immediately prior to an application for a permit under this subchapter.

This permit is restricted to the control of Double-crested Cormorants and IS NOT a public hunting permit.

For more information, please contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 512-389-4481.



## Nuisance Control Permit Application for Double-crested Cormorants

1. Applicant Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #/State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hunting License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Landowner or ☐ Authorized Agent of Landowner E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Landowner Name and Address if different than Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Ranch/Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ Direction from Town: \_\_\_\_\_  
Miles from Town: \_\_\_\_\_ On Hwy/Road: \_\_\_\_\_  
Majority County: \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Counties: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you been convicted of a wildlife violation in Texas in the last 5 years? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please provide details as to the nature of the violation: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. **\$13.00 non-refundable permit fee enclosed.** ☐ Yes ☐ No

\* A permit issued pursuant to this application does not exempt the permit holder from the required hunting license. In addition to a Nuisance Double-crested Cormorant Control Permit, a **valid Texas hunting license is required** for the control of nuisance double-crested cormorants.

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**I hereby declare that I am the landowner or an authorized agent of the landowner** and it is my intention to take the species indicated above for the purpose(s) stated. I further declare that the above statements made by me are true and correct and understand that making a false statement on this application or in subsequent annual reports is a crime punishable by fine and/or imprisonment. Furthermore, if I am issued a permit for the control of Double-crested Cormorants, I agree to abide by all regulations and permit stipulations. As required, I will submit a written report indicating the number and species of specimens taken during the permit period and I agree to ensure that the report is received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Wildlife Permits Section no later than August 1st of the current permit year.

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**Applicant Signature**

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**Date**

**NOTE: This application will not be considered unless fully completed. Falsifying information on this document is a punishable offense.** Mail completed application along with a check or money order to: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Wildlife Division – Permits Program, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected.